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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Throughout the country prices were mostly unchanged to lower on the larger sizes, and generally unchanged to slightly higher on mediums. The market tone was mixed, fully steady to instances weak; and the smaller sizes were in the best position. Demand was also mixed in a full range, slow to good, mostly moderate, with scattered retail features usually generating the best pull. Supplies of the larger sizes were at least adequate to available, however, the medium and smaller eggs were generally adequate to close balanced. Breaking stock supplies were at least adequate to ample from regular sources, and demand for additional product was usually limited. Light type hens were fully adequate to ample for current processing schedules.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 5 cents lower for the larger sizes and unchanged to .5 cents higher for mediums. In Boston, prices were unchanged to 4 cents lower for extra large, unchanged to 7 cents lower for large, and unchanged for mediums. Prices were unchanged in New England. The market tone was about steady. Demand was slightly improved. Supplies were closely balanced to available. Breaking stock supplies were ample for the light demand. Light type hens were fully adequate to ample for slaughter requirements.

NEW YORK Prices were 2 cents higher for mediums and unchanged for the larger sizes. The market tone was fully steady for mediums and about steady for the larger sizes. Retail demand was slightly improved, best where limited feature activity was available. Supplies were closely balanced for mediums and adequate for the larger sizes.

MIDWEST Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were 3 to 4 cents lower for the larger sizes, unchanged to 1 cent higher for mediums, with small unchanged. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin and in Chicago were 1 cent higher for medium and were unchanged for the balance. The trade sentiment was cautiously steady for the large eggs and steady to fully steady for medium and small. Retail and distributive movement was mixed from light to good, best where features are a factor. Supplies were adequate to available for the large sized eggs and adequate to close for the balance. Nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to available for the fair trading and demand. Most breakers satisfied with regular commitments and company owned production. Trade sentiment about steady.

CHICAGO Prices for extra large and large unchanged, mediums advanced 1 cent. The market tone steady at best to barely steady. Retail and food service demand moderate to good, best where features are planned or in progress. Supplies generally adequate with lighter weight eggs in the tightest position.

SOUTHERN Prices were unchanged to lower on the larger sizes, however, medium egg prices were generally unchanged to slightly higher. The market tone was cautiously steady at current price values. Retail demand was generally fair to moderate, although often improved, with better interest usually centering around the scattered feature activity. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending October 08, 1999, was 48.66 cents, .78 cents lower than the week before, and 31.16 cents less than the same week last year. Breaking stock supplies were fully adequate to ample for the light demand. Spent hen availability was fully adequate to ample for immediate slaughter needs.

WESTERN Prices in California 7 cents lower on jumbo, 6 cents lower on extra large and large, 5 cents lower on medium and small; in the Northwest 6 cents lower on jumbo, 3 cents lower on extra large and large, and unchanged on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 1% lower than last week with California down 7% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 11%. Retailer demand moderate to fairly good. Offerings easily adequate.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	88-90	75-77	56-58
New York	51-53	48-51	36-39
Philadelphia	49-52	47-50	33-36
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	40-41	38.5-40	26-27
Jackson (1)	51-52	47-48	35-36
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	48-61	45-59	33-47
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	41-46	40-45	28-33
Detroit (2)	38-41	37-40	23-26
Major Ohio Cities (2)	39-44.5	38-43	24-29
Major Wisconsin Cities	42-46	40-47	27-34
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	56-58	53-56	39-41
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	73	65	52
(1) - Prices reported weekly			
(2) - Delivered Warehouse			
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices 7 cents lower on jumbo, 6 cents lower on extra large and large, and 5 cents lower on medium and small. The California inventory was 7% lower than last week. Retailer demand fairly good. Offerings ample. Small invoice price 32. Ads in Northern California: smaller outlets-large dozen 88, medium dozen 139.

PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	92	JUMBO	229-269
EXTRA LARGE	73	EXTRA LARGE	209-239
LARGE	65	LARGE	169-219
MEDIUM	52	MEDIUM	149-189
PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.			
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
RANGE		RANGE	
JUMBO	229-289	JUMBO	229-269
EXTRA LARGE	219-279	EXTRA LARGE	209-239
LARGE	199-209	LARGE	169-219
MEDIUM	159-205	MEDIUM	149-189

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending October 15, 1999 will increase by 7 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending October 08, 1999 were 258,137 cases which was 2 percent above the prior week and 1 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	224,113	34,024	258,137

% change from the prior week..... +2 +4 +2
Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged. Trading and demand fair for the adequate to available offerings. Most breakers satisfied with regular commitments and company owned production. Floor stocks at least adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment about steady.
PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	23-25	23
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	8-10	9

CENTRAL STATES AREA:
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Offerings were fully adequate for a moderate demand. Processing schedules were mostly normal. The undertone was steady.
HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 11-OCT-99

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5.5-18	7.75-14.5	11.06
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT Trading levels were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were slow. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was barely steady.
HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 11-OCT-99

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-19.5	11-13	12.63

* UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- AM Oct 11,1999
STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
	Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	7.8	8.8	4.0	11.6	9.0 41.2
	Change	0.4	0.1	-0.7	2.6	0.5 8%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	29.6	31.5	9.9	25.6	17.6 114.2
	Change	-2.1	-2.3	0.0	2.2	-0.4 -2%
Large	Curr Wk	49.6	68.2	55.7	57.7	84.1 315.3
	Change	1.0	-0.9	-3.1	-7.8	1.1 -3%
Medium	Curr Wk	11.0	25.4	13.1	19.7	23.2 92.4
	Change	-4.0	-0.6	-0.8	-4.2	-0.3 -10%
Small	Curr Wk	4.1	5.0	2.2	5.5	5.4 22.2
	Change	-0.2	-1.3	-0.2	0.6	-2.3 -13%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.6	20.7	10.2	10.4	4.3 50.2
	Change	0.2	0.5	2.0	2.0	-2.1 5%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	34.9	84.6	20.9	21.3	52.6 214.3
	Change	-3.1	5.3	1.9	0.8	0.9 3%
Total	Curr Wk	141.6	244.2	116.0	151.8	196.2 849.8
Percent	Change	-5%	0%	-1%	-2%	-1% -2%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
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Shell Egg	849.8	-2%	166
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	507.3	6%	38

Total Shell Egg	1357.1	1%	204
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1/Information is supplied by a universe of 166 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

CANADIAN EGGS

MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 27, 1999

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	162	159	150	108

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 27, 1999 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	126	126	116	76

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 10/08/99

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS				TOTAL LOADS			
19.00								38.75				57.75			
		SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	25.50	29.00	24.50	26.00	26.00	—	6.00	GNR W 1	—	29.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	27.00	—	1.00	GNR W 2	—	30.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	19.00	—	1.00	GNR W 4	—	22.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	.50
GL W XL	—	—	32.00	33.00	—	—	2.00	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL W LG	28.00	30.00	30.00	32.00	—	—	3.25								
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00								
GL W SM	—	—	14.00	15.50	—	—	1.00								
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	—	.50								
NRBS - 48	18.50	—	—	—	—	21.00	29.00								
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	—	.50								
NRBS - 42	13.50	—	—	—	—	16.00	8.00								
NRBS - 36	5.50	—	—	—	—	8.00	1.00								

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 10/05/99 - 10/11/99

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS				TOTAL LOADS			
120.75								66.25				187.00			
		SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GNR W 1	—	29.50	—	—	—	—	3.00
GNR W 1	25.40	26.58	23.83	26.67	26.00	26.00	23.00	GNR W 2	—	29.50	—	—	—	—	2.00
GNR W 2	—	—	24.00	—	26.50	—	3.00	GNR W 3	—	25.00	—	—	—	—	2.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	19.75	21.50	4.00	GNR W 4	—	22.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	19.00	—	1.00	GL W J	41.50	—	—	—	—	46.00	1.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	55.00	—	—	58.00	2.00	GL W XL	30.13	33.20	—	—	—	37.06	10.50
GL W XL	—	33.00	31.80	32.38	30.00	31.50	17.50	GL W LG	27.92	35.00	—	—	—	35.27	8.00
GL W LG	28.00	29.29	29.40	31.00	—	32.00	17.00	GL W MD	19.00	20.00	—	—	—	22.50	3.00
GL W MD	—	20.40	17.55	18.25	—	23.25	11.25	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00
GL W SM	—	—	14.00	15.50	—	—	4.00								
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	51.00	1.00								
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	24.00	—	—	3.00								
NRBS - 48	18.50	—	—	—	21.03	22.23	52.00								
NRBS - 45	14.50	—	—	—	17.92	19.00	5.00								
NRBS - 42	13.50	—	—	—	14.10	16.32	18.00								
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	14.25	2.00								
NRBS - 36	5.50	—	—	—	—	8.00	2.00								

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NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 9/26/99 - 10/02/99

Origin State	CO	IA	ME	MI	MN	MO	NE	OH	OR	TX	UT	WI	TOTAL
N. CA	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	-	2,458	-	2,420	-	4,896
C. CA	-	825	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	825
S. CA	3,445	3,892	960	810	4,134	1,588	500	3,294	-	1,590	-	12	20,225
TTL STATE	3,445	4,717	960	810	4,134	1,588	518	3,294	2,458	1,590	2,420	12	25,946

SHIPPED TO MILITARY: 0

NEW ENGLAND

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
117-120	69-72	56-59	37-40	8-11

DETROIT EGGS

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
46-49	37-43	35-40	21-26	13-17

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
21-23	10-12	4-6

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
55.08	42.44	32.34

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	10/05/99	9/27/99	10/05/98
PACIFIC COAST	26	42	14
LOS ANGELES	0	0	14

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS PRICES DELIVERED TO RETAILERS, GRADE A STORE DOOR October 5, 1999:

	CARTONS	WTG AVG
EX-LARGE	149-155	153.45
LARGE	143-150	148.24
MEDIUM	124-135	132.41
SMALL	105-109	106.29

Receipts from the mainland: 9/26/99-10/2/99
30-dozen cases 4,078

Receipts from the mainland: 9/19/99-9/25/99
30-dozen cases 3,040

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